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SUBJECT: PLANS LAID FOR ECA AND OAU CONFERENCES ON AFRICAN
ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

REF: KINSHASA 5777

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1. AZAP HAS REPORTED THE RETURN TO KINSHASA OF STATE COMMISSIONER FOR NATIONAL ECONOMY MUWAI RI WHO ATTENDED THE FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (ECA) HELD IN ALGIERS. THE PARTICIPANTS AT THIS CONFERENCE REPORTEDLY EXAMINED PLANS FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECA AND STUDIED THE QUESTION OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER BASED ON REPORTS FROM THE NAIROBI UNCTAD CONFERENCE AND THE ABIDJAN ECOSOC CONFERENCE.

2. MUWAI RI ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT KINSHASA HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS THE SITE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ECA CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS, PROBABLY TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY. FROM THIS CONFERENCE, MUWAI RI SAID, WOULD EMERGE DECISIONS ON A NUMBER OF POINTS RAISED AT
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ALGIERS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE

ECA AND THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER FOR AFRICA. MUWAIRI SAID THAT TO PREPARE FOR THE KINSHASA CONFERENCE, THE MINISTERS OF INDUSTRY OF THE ECA WOULD MEET IN ADDIS ABABA ON NOVEMBER 10.

3. MUWAIRI FINALLY NOTED THAT IN DECEMBER 1976 A MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE OAU WOULD BE CONVENED IN KINSHASA. THIS CONFERENCE STEMS FROM A MOBUTU PROPOSAL (SEE REFTEL) AT THE LAST OAU SUMMIT IN MAURITIUS TO BRING TOGETHER THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PLANNING, ECONOMY, FINANCE AND COMMERCE TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

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4. THE OAU AND ECA CONFERENCES IN KINSHASA COULD BE INFLUENTIAL FORA FOR THE FORMULATION OF AFRICAN POSITIONS ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO BEGIN PLANNING HOW WE MIGHT BEST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE AFRICA ON POSITIONS AND THINKING, E.G. WITH REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE BANK. WE WILL TRY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ALGIERS MEETINGS AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEE POSTS MAY DEVELOP.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED OAU POSTS.

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